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## Candidates answer questions about city issues

By Melanie Wilkinson  
MANAGING EDITOR

YORK — This is the fourth installment from this week's political forum which featured candidates seeking seats on the York City Council and the position as Mayor of York.

The event, sponsored and conducted by KOOL Radio and the York News-Times, included each candidate having the opportunity to introduce themselves, answer three randomly drawn questions (in randomly drawn order) and finish with one question posed to all of them.

The moderators of the event were Carrie Colburn from the York News-Times and Gene Curtis from KOOL Radio.

While the public could attend in person, they also were able to hear the forum live via the radio and watch/listen via Zoom. A full recording of the forum is available for further viewing online. That recording can be found at [www.yorknewstimes.com](http://www.yorknewstimes.com) and is in segments to make for easy viewing.

Seeking the seat of York mayor are Barry Redfern and Ron Mogul.

Seeking the four seats on the York City Council are Matt Wagner, Jerry Wilkinson, Jerad Sorgenfrei, Karen Harris, Diane Wolfe, Clarence Hoffman, Steve Postier and Vicki Northrop.

All were in attendance, with the exception of Wagner who unfortunately was unable to attend due to illness. The York News-Times has reached out to Wagner with questions randomly drawn for him, which he will have the opportunity to answer as well, should he choose to do so.

Continuing today and into Tuesday, the YNT will recap the forum responses from the candidates.

Today will feature the third round of randomly selected questions — the order of the candidates was also randomly selected.

The following were the questions that were drawn

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Across the nation there are questions about whether there is enough ethnic diversity in law enforcement. For York County, the issue is more about keeping good people in a field where many are no longer interested in working because of all the issues in today's world.

# PROTECTING & SERVING

## The challenge of local law enforcement

By Melanie Wilkinson | MANAGING EDITOR

YORK — In a nation where the question has arisen as to whether or not law enforcement agencies have enough ethnic diversity, or if they mirror the ethnicity of the communities in which they serve — there is also the issue of continuing to have good, qualified applicants for local law enforcement positions that are consistently opening.



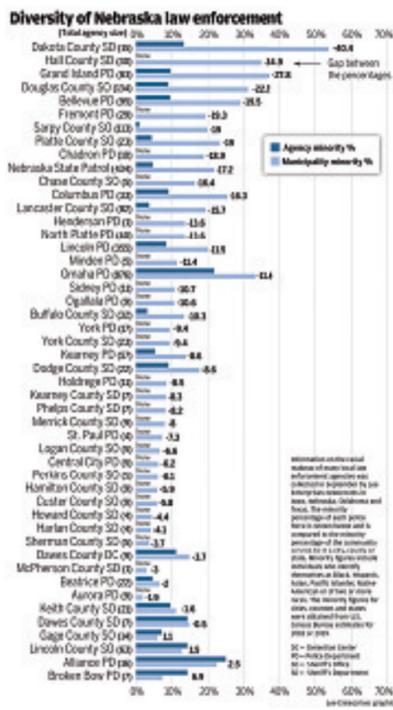
Vrbka Tjaden

Right now, there are three open positions on the York Police Department, according to York Police Chief Ed Tjaden.

"We have been battling recruitment challenges for several years now, as have many agencies nationwide," Tjaden said. "Our position numbers have fluctuated, but we have had openings for several years."

When there are position openings, "we generally get 5-10 applications over a six-week period, which is much lower than it was years ago," Chief Tjaden continued. "These numbers are in line with agencies our size and larger agencies, including those in other states whose administrators I have spoken to."

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## America's Heartland police realize diversity is an issue, work to make changes

By Erin Murphy  
LEE ENTERPRISES

More than 80 percent of the law enforcement agencies in the Heartland region of America don't mirror the racial makeup of the communities they are sworn to protect and serve.

However, those agencies say, police diversity is more complicated than just making census-based hires.

Reporters from DIVERSITY 5A

## LOCAL

### Readers ask about garbage, vehicles, stop signs, taxes

By News-Times Staff

The following questions were submitted recently on the Wonderline:

**Q: I live in the northwest part of York and I hear the train whistles between 3 and 6 a.m. Why are they doing this when we are in a quiet zone?**

**A:** Because the reader lives in the northwest part of York, she may be hearing train whistles coming from the western edge of the quiet zone. The quiet zone only encompasses the four crossings inside York — the trains are still able to blow their horns at the other crossings in the area.

**Q: How many trains pass through York each day? How much money has been spent for the quiet zone in York? How many trains are still blowing their horns?**

**A:** The latest average figure we have, of the number of trains passing through York each day, was 160. We weren't able to get a more updated figure.

As far as how many trains are still blowing their

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## YORK

### Survey available to assess food access in community

By Melanie Wilkinson  
MANAGING EDITOR

YORK — A survey is currently being conducted in the York area to assess food access and availability.

This is being conducted by the York County Development Corporation and the York County Health Coalition.

YCDC Executive Director Lisa Hurley says, "We are doing this research as part of the Local Foods Local Places initiative

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## OVERVIEW

### Food donations being accepted at YMS

YORK — York Middle School students are collecting food donations for a grade-level challenge. Students are accepting canned and dry goods Monday, Oct. 19 — Thursday, Oct. 29. Donations can be dropped off at YMS or be mailed to the school. Students will also gather goods from home since they cannot go door to door, because of COVID-19 concerns. Each grade aims to raise \$800 worth of food.

### Clothing Giveaway

YORK -- The East Hill Church of Christ will be hosting its Clothing Giveaway on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 8 a.m. to noon. Masks that cover the nose and mouth are encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be available at the door. We reserve the right to limit the number of people inside the building. If at all possible, children and non-shoppers are asked to either stay at home or remain outside. If you are sick or think you might be getting sick, we ask that you please remain at home. Questions or clothing donations? Please call the church office at 402-362-4990.

### Carve-Out Cancer Run

YORK — York FFA will be hosting a Carve-Out Cancer Run on Saturday, Oct. 24. The 5K Run/Walk will start and finish at Harrison Park. The walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. while the run will start at 9 a.m. Pumpkin carving and pancakes will also be available. Preregistration for the 5K Walk/Run can be found on [yorkffa.com](http://yorkffa.com) under the 'Carve Out Cancer 5K' menu. Participation in the 5K is not mandatory for people who just want to enjoy pumpkin carving and pancakes. All proceeds raised will go toward breast cancer research.

## WEATHER

SATURDAY  
80°/59°

A mix of sun and clouds with a high of 69. Winds from the northwest at 13 mph. Saturday night partly cloudy skies early followed by increasing clouds with showers developing later at night and a low of 33. Winds from the north-northeast at 10 to 20 mph. 50% chance of rain

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Sunday - 3:45, 6:45  
Mon-Thurs - 6:45

Nightmare Before Xmas  
PG: 1 hr 16 mins.  
Friday - 7:45  
Saturday - 4:45, 7:45  
Sunday - 4:45, 7:45  
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Honest Thief  
PG: 1 hr 39 mins.  
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